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**ARTICLE 11. POWERS AND DUTIES OF
DEPARTMENT**

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Chapter 1. General Powers and Duties

IC 14-11-1-1

General powers of department

Sec. 1. The department may do the following:

(1) Investigate, compile, and disseminate information and make recommendations concerning the natural resources of Indiana and their conservation, including the following:

(A) The drainage and reclamation of land.

(B) Flood prevention.

(C) Development of water power.

(D) Culture and preservation of forests, fish, and game.

(E) The preservation of soils.

(F) The prevention of the waste of mineral resources.

(G) The prevention and methods of control of plant diseases, infections, and pests.

(H) The prevention and methods of control of bee diseases, the increased production of honey, and the use of bee appliances.

(I) Other questions or subjects that are contained in this title.

(2) Cooperate with the appropriate departments of the federal government in conducting topographical and other surveys, experiments, or work of joint interest to the state and the federal government.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-2

Cooperation with public or private entities or individuals

Sec. 2. The department may cooperate with:

(1) a public or private institution; or

(2) individuals, societies, or associations of individuals;

in making scientific investigations, compiling reports, or otherwise in the manner and to the extent that the commission considers necessary or advantageous in carrying out the purposes of this title.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-3

Powers regarding oaths and subpoenas

Sec. 3. (a) A member of the commission, a division director, or a hearing officer appointed by the commission may do the following:

(1) Administer oaths and certify to official acts.

(2) Require information from any person for purposes of this title.

(3) Issue subpoenas.

(4) Require the attendance of witnesses.

(5) Examine witnesses under oath.

(b) If a person fails to comply with an order issued under this chapter or under IC 14-3-1 (before its repeal), the circuit court having jurisdiction over the person shall, on request, require compliance with the order.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-4

Preparation and dissemination of literature and information

Sec. 4. (a) The commission may have prepared the technical and nontechnical literature and information relating to matters within the field of work of the department or a division of the department that the commission considers suitable and worthy of publication. The commission shall disseminate the literature and information through the public press and otherwise. The commission may, with the approval of the governor, publish the literature and information in bulletin form.

(b) The literature and information shall be paid for out of money appropriated for the expenses of the department.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-5

Delegation of management and operation of property

Sec. 5. The department may, by contract, delegate the management and operation of any of the property held and managed by the department to an organization under the terms the department considers advisable.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-6

Enforcement powers

Sec. 6. The department shall recommend and secure the enforcement of laws for the conservation and development of the natural resources of Indiana.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.4.

IC 14-11-1-7

Payment by credit card

Sec. 7. (a) As used in this section, "credit card" includes a bank card, debit card, charge card, prepaid card, or other similar method of payment.

(b) In addition to other methods of payment allowed by law, the department may accept payment by credit card for licenses, fees, or other amounts due the department.

(c) The department may enter into appropriate agreements with banks or other organizations authorized to do business in Indiana to enable the department to accept payment by credit card.

(d) The department may recognize net amounts remitted by the bank or other organization as deposit in full of amounts due the

department.

(e) The department may pay any applicable credit card service charge or fee.

As added by P.L.95-1998, SEC.2.